

REMARKS:

A. GENERALLY

Applicant thanks the examiner for extending the Applicant an opportunity for a telephonic interview. Applicant's summary of the interview is filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Claims 1-3, 5, 9-17, 19, and 23-32 remain in this application. Claims 1, 3, 5, 12-15, 17, 19, and 26-30 have been amended. Claims 4, 6-8, 18, and 20-22 have been canceled. Claims 31 and 32 have been added. New claims 31 and 32 recite limitations similar to those in claims 27 and 28. No new matter has been added.

B. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 1, 6, 8, and 13-14 have been objected to because of the use of the phrase "adapted to" in characterizing the limitations. Claims 6 and 8 have been canceled. Claims 1, 13 and 14 have been amended to remove the objectionable phrase.

C. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-12 and 15-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 7,054,924 issued to Harvey et al. (hereinafter, "Harvey") in view of U.S. Patent 6,898,703 issued to Ogami et al. (hereinafter, "Ogami").

Independent claims 1 and 15 of the present application have been amended to recite a boot file template comprising an attribute, a boot file request comprising an attribute value associated with the attribute, and the extraction of the attribute value from the boot file request.

Harvey describes a system of pre-determined templates in which the attribute values are included in the templates or determined from a directory, not extracted from a boot file request:

When the device 114 is powered-up at customer premises 112, the device connects to Configuration Server 116 by establishing a TCP/IP connection. The device issues an HTTP get request to Web server 206 of Configuration Server 116. To uniquely identify itself

to the Configuration Server 116 and to the Web server, the device 114 provides its token as a unique identifier.

In response, based on the device's unique identifier, Configuration Server 116 retrieves one of the configuration templates 210 that is associated with the device 114. The retrieved template is parameterized. Parameter values are resolved by retrieving specific values from Directory 110, or another repository, that correspond to the parameters. (Harvey, Col. 8, lines 22-36; emphasis added by underlining.)

And:

In block 804, a configuration template is retrieved. The configuration template generally describes a configuration that may be applied to one or more devices. In an embodiment, the configuration template includes zero or more parameters that may be resolved into specific values applicable to a particular device, to result in creating a complete set of configuration information. The configuration template may be retrieved, for example, from a directory, database, etc. In block 806, the parameter values are retrieved or determined. The parameter values may be received from objects in the directory, database, etc. Alternatively, the parameter values may be computed. In block 808, the parameter values are substituted into the template, resulting in creating a complete set of fully-instantiated configuration information. In block 810, XML format configuration data is created and delivered, based on the instantiated configuration information. (Harvey, Col. 15, lines 27-45; emphasis added by underlining.)

Applicant respectfully submits that Harvey does not teach or reasonably suggest extracting the attribute values from the boot file request.

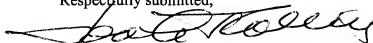
Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Harvey and Ogami does not teach all of the limitations of independent claims 1 and 15 as currently listed. Claims 1-3, 5, 9-17, 19, and 23-32 as currently listed are therefore allowable over Harvey and Ogami.

C. CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment places the claims in condition for allowance. Applicant requests that this Amendment be entered and that the current rejection of the claims now pending in this application be withdrawn in view of the above amendments, remarks and arguments.

Applicant respectfully requests that if any of the pending claims are not in condition for allowance, the examiner contact Applicant's counsel at the number listed below prior to the issuance of another office action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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